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AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph on page 1, before line [0001].

-- BACKGROUND --

Please insert the following paragraph on page 1, before paragraph [0004].

-- SUMMARY --

Please delete the paragraph on page 1, paragraph [0005].

This problem is solved by the features of the independent claims. The dependent claims describe preferred embodiments.

Please amend the paragraph on page 2, paragraph [0008] as follows:

It should be particularly emphasized that the features of the dependent elaims and of the embodiments stated in the description can be used advantageously in combination or else completely or at least partly independently of each other and of the subject matter of the main claims.

Please insert the following paragraph on page 2, before [0009].

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --

Please insert the following paragraph on page 2, before [0012].

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF VARIOUS EMBODIMENTS --

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Please amend the Abstract as follows:

The invention relates to a system and method for processing value units, such as bank notes, coins or checks. A system and method for processing deposits of value units are provided by which bank notes of the deposit are checked successively in two bank note processing machines, and the data of both the first and second checking operations are supplied to an evaluation device in order to perform an evaluation of the deposit on the basis of both the first and second checking operations. This two-stage processing provides the possibility of carrying out the processing of deposits in cash centers considerably more efficiently than with hitherto used methods.

(Fig. 2)